

## I. INTRODUCTION

This matter arose in connection with an investigation by the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight ("House Committee" or "HCGRO") into requests by the White House Office of Personnel Security ("OPS") in the administration of President William J. Clinton for confidential Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") background reports relating to the White House staff of former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, a matter commonly referred to as the investigation of the "FBI Files" matter.<sup>4</sup>

On June 5, 1996, Representative William F. Clinger, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the United States House of Representatives, announced that his Committee had discovered that the White House had requested the confidential FBI background report of Billy Ray Dale, the former Director of the White House Travel and Telegraph Office ("Travel Office"), some seven months after Mr. Dale was fired amid much publicity and controversy. The next day, June 6, 1996, the White House delivered to the FBI three boxes containing hundreds of

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regarding all of the Office's investigative mandates, Independent Counsel Ray has decided to file separate reports, given the expiration of the Independent Counsel Reauthorization Act and his public commitment, consistent with the statutory mandate, to complete the investigations in a prompt, responsible, and cost-effective manner.

<sup>4</sup> See Final Report In re: Anthony Marceca, Div. No. 94-1 (D.C. Cir. [Spec. Div.] June 21, 1996) (filed March 16, 2000).